

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS FROM FY12 ANNUAL INRMP REVIEW

## **NSA MID-SOUTH**

## **MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE**

## **19 SEPTEMBER 2012**

- Rob Williamson, the Natural Resources Manager of the Naval Support Activity Mid-South, convened the FY12 Annual Review of the installation's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), at 0930 on 19 September 2012 in the Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division Conference Room in Building 455.
- The following attended the meeting in person or by conference call (cc):
  Lieutenant Commander Gregg Benton, Public Works Officer, NSA Mid-South
  Rob Williamson, NSA Mid-South NR Manager, NAVFAC Env. Div., 901-984-5399
  Jim Heide, NAVFAC PWD Environmental Div. Director, 901-874-5367
  Ursula Robinson, NAVFAC PWD Environmental Div. 901-874-5918
  Robbie Sykes, USFWS Cookeville Field Office, 931-525-4979
  Rob Colvin, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Div., 615-483-5213
  Randy Clark, US Army Corps of Eng, Wetlands Div., 901-544-0735
  Brian Jackson, USDA Wildlife Division, 731-234-4196
  Alex Covarrubias, CFS, BOS Contract Env. Div., 901-874-7075
  Rachel Methvin, NAVFAC PWD Environmental Div, 901-874-5904
  Dave Wainwright, NAVFAC Asset Management Div., 901-874-5626
  Darek Baskin, City of Millington Engr/Operations Dir, 901-872-3410 (cc)
  Homer Benavides, NAVFAC Midwest Region NR Mgr, 847-688-2600 Ext 157/360 (cc)
- 3. Rob Williamson introduced the NSA Mid-South Public Works Officer Lieutenant Commander Gregg Benton, who took the opportunity to meet and welcome the attendees to the installation's FY12 Annual INRMP Review. After thanking everyone for their time and diligence to help support the Natural Resources Program for the installation, LCDR Benton provided some informational and motivational comments concerning the multiple highly visible and critical missions at the NSA Mid-South. He emphasized the importance of caring for Natural Resources on this installation and discussed how the INRMP contributed materially to a high quality of life and positive, professional experience for employees, residents, families, and visitors to NSA Mid-South, who come from all over the Navy. After re-affirming the installation's leaders' commitment to caring for the environment, LCDR Benton gave some specific examples of the integration of Natural Resources Management with numerous other activities on

- c. The review of the data call for the Water Quality Scorecard prepared by Rachel Methvin (handout 4f) demonstrated how effectively various other environmental media areas within the installation were being integrated and impacted by the Natural Resources program.
- 7. Following a thorough discussion about the entries and proposed assessment of the INRMP in FY12 using handout 4g as a guide, the participants achieved consensus on the proposed assessment for input to the installation commanding officer Captain Fimple. The proposed assessments of the Navy's Seven Focus Areas that composed the structure of the FY12 Data Call for NSA Mid-South and all Navy commands was determined to be 0.87, which places the command in a "Green" status for reporting purposes to the Department of the Navy. Rob Williamson informed the members that their assessment would be conveyed in a briefing to the Commanding Officer in October 2012 before the data is transmitted electronically to the installation's chain of command, prior to the Navy's consolidated comprehensive briefing to Congress on INRMP status throughout the Navy.
- 8. The following topics took place toward the end of the meeting to capture every participants concerns or input:
  - a. Darek Baskin stated that the Millington Municipal Airport Authority would like to coordinate with the TWRA to arrange for bow hunting adjacent to their airfield since they were having challenges to prevent the deer from jumping the fence that enclosed the airfield. This discussion occurred pursuant to the acknowledgement of the bow hunting season on the Navy base. Rob Colvin asked that they coordinate that after the meeting.
  - b. During the installation's discussion about bat surveys and creating of artificial nesting for bats, Robbie Sykes provided a letter from USFWS that discussed the USFWS's policy for surveying bats (ex: using acoustical tests instead of mist nets, etc.), specifically for identifying the listed Indiana bats. The discussion occurred as a result of a task from the FY11 Annual Review to determine if bat surveys were only good for two years. The Navy base has been surveying every five years and has not identified any Indiana bats on NSA Mid-South. It has identified a small bat population. The USFWS is re-evaluating the interval for bat surveys as a policy and will notify the base when a decision is reached. Homer Benavides stated that he wanted the base to ensure that a "deliverable" was added to the next bat survey project to include a requirement for the contractor to coordinate with the USFWS and TWRA in the development of their survey and report for the Navy. Homer

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- c. Rob Williamson will send Homer Benavides an email to remind him to increase the priority for moving up the priority for the wetland re-delineation project in the budget.
- d. Dave Wainwright would like to involve the INRMP Natural Resources Team to assist with the design and planning of a "detention basin" system at the base in the future.
- 10. Rob Williamson offered to take participants on a tour of the installation's natural resources, but schedules had already been made. The out-of-town attendees requested that they receive a tour later in the year or during the following INRMP Review in 2013.
- 11. Rob assured attendees that they would receive a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting by 15 November 2012; provided a copy of the attendee roster; thanked everyone for their support and time invested; and concluded the FY12 INRMP Annual Review.

Signed:

Robert J. Williamson

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